

PUBLIC NOTICE

IAO GROUND-WATER MANAGEMENT AREA DESIGNATION **ISLAND OF MAUI**

STATE OF HAWAII
Commission on Water Resource Management
Department of Land and Natural Resources

On November 20, 2002, the Commission on Water Resource Management rendered a decision on a petition from the Maui Meadows Homeowners Assoc. to designate the Iao and Waihee Aquifer Systems as ground-water management areas. As part of that decision, the Commission specified that to protect the sustainability of Iao Aquifer System from potential adverse affects if the ground-water pumpage from the Iao Aquifer System exceeded 18 million gallons per day (mgd, based on a 12-month moving average) then the Iao Aquifer System would automatically be designated as a ground-water management area. As of June 30, 2003, the 12-month moving average from wells in the Iao Aquifer System was 18.050 mgd and thereby triggers ground-water designation in this aquifer system. The effective date of this ground-water management area designation for the Iao Aquifer System shall be on publication of this notice or July 21, 2003.

In a ground-water management area, no person shall make a withdrawal, diversion, impoundment, or consumptive use of ground water without first obtaining a ground-water use permit from the Commission on Water Resource Management. Only domestic consumption by individual users (i.e. residences) are exempt from filing an application. Existing users may continue their present pumpage pending action on their applications for a water use permit within the one-year window to apply for existing pumpages.

Any person, other than individual domestic users, presently making any withdrawal, diversion, impoundment, or consumptive use of ground water in the Iao Aquifer System areas must apply for a ground-water use permit by July 21, 2004 to continue their existing ground-water use. Failure to apply within this period creates a presumption of abandonment of the use, and the user, if the user desires to revive the use, must apply as a new water user. New ground-water users are subject to the availability of ground water determined by sustainable yield and existing water use permits.

Information regarding the Iao Aquifer System and application forms for a ground-water use permit are available at the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Commission on Water Resource Management, Kalanimoku Building Room 227, 1151 Punchbowl St., Honolulu, HI 91813 or at <http://www.state.hi.us/dlnr/cwrm/forms.htm>. Please call 587-0225 (Oahu), 1-800-984-2400-70225 (Maui), the Commission Regulation Branch for more information.

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